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*Japan is Not of the Trees*

# PERSIMMON GROVE

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*Ten Varieties*

JAPAN PERSIMMONS

*The Original*

INDIAN PEACH

*The Wonderful*

BARBARA PLUM

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SPRINGFIELD ROAD - - THREE MILES

WACO, TEXAS

# JAPAN PERSIMMONS

The Japan Persimmon is one of the most delicious fruits and is steadily growing in favor. The trees are strong growers, very prolific, and early bearers, as they produce fruit on the new growth of each year, this gives them the advantage of one year in bearing over most any other kind of fruit.

As an ornament they are the most beautiful of any fruit producing trees. The region in which this fruit may be grown covers a wide range of the cotton states.

Commercial orchards are already being established in several sections of the country.

There is an impression by some that all fruits of the Persimmon are not palatable until they are on the verge of decay or until after frost. This impression is erroneous, as fruits of the sweet varieties are excellent and meaty even while they are hard.

In setting an orchard distances of 15 to 18 feet each way is recommended. The roots of the trees should not be allowed to dry out. The top should be pruned to 18 inches to 2 feet on an average sized tree.

All the following varieties that I am offering for sale I have fruited here and any one can see for themselves just what they are. All grafting wood is taken from these trees by myself and I know what they are; as one saying goes, "I grew up with them."

## HACHIVA

One of the largest and most beautiful of the Japan varieties, oblong, conic, ripening through October.

Flesh yellow, skin dark bright red with occasional dark blotches and rings at the top. Trees upright, vigorous and shapely.

## HIYAKUME

One of the largest, tomato shaped, but orange colored.

Flesh brown in color when several seeds develop, sweet and meaty; may be eaten while still hard except light colored seedless portions. Trees large open top.

## TANE NASHI

Very large roundish conical, orange colored, and seedless. Quality fine, inclined to be mealy. Try them with cream.

Tree upright, sturdy and compact, bears in clusters.

## TRIUMPH

Medium sized, tomato shaped and colored, seeds vary from none to 5 or 6. Astringent till soft except where they have seed; matures through a long period. The best dessert quality, bears in clusters.

## YEDOICHI

Large, roundish oblate in shape; skin darker red than most sorts; flesh dark brown and crisp, non-astringent when still hard, quality one of the best. Tree upright, thrifty grower.

## TSURA

Medium to large, slender conical, light colored flesh, astringent till fully ripe, and one of the latest to ripen but very fine and prolific bearer.

This variety is different in many ways to any I know, having a slender leaf with that rich lustrous green and smooth bark and fruit hanging in clusters would make an ornament for any lawn.

## FUYU

This new variety was originated in Japan only a few years ago, and I got it direct from parties introducing it in this country. It is recommended highly by the Agriculture Department of Japan for commercial planting, as it is said never to be astringent though the flesh is light colored but of a reddish shade; few seeds; may be eaten while still hard like an apple, dessert quality one of the best.

I have nursery stock of this variety but as yet my observation does not justify offering it to the trade.

## TAMOPAN

This is the only variety of the Japanese group of persimmons established in this country that had its origin in China, having been found west of Pekin.

It is very large, oblate, usually tending to be 4 sided and with a peculiar constriction extending entirely around the fruit somewhat above the middle. Flesh light colored, astringent until fully ripe, almost seedless. Ripens rather late, the bulk of the fruit being in season in November.

|                  | PRICES | Each | 10   |
|------------------|--------|------|------|
| 2 to 3 feet..... |        | .50  | 4.00 |
| 3 to 4 feet..... |        | .75  | 6.00 |

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## PEACHES

In the last 12 years I have fruited 23 varieties of Peaches and out of that number I have only 7 varieties that I would recommend for planting in this section. They are as follows, in order of ripening:

Mayflower (semi free) 10 to 20 May.

Greensboro (semi free) 20 to 30 May.

Dwarf Blood (semi free) 1 to 10 June.

Mamie Ross (free) 10 to 20 June.

Hobson Cling, 20 to 30 June.

Elberta (free) 1 to 20 July.

Indian Cling, 20 July to 1st August.

This is the original old time Indian Peach that we knew 25 years ago and is so near extinct.

I traveled 200 miles a few years ago for wood, from a tree—which is now dead—to graft, and get my start, it being one of the best of the Indian

Peach I had seen for 25 years. I have set out something like 100 of these trees this year and have a few that I am offering the trade; 2 year old stock that will run from 3 to 5 feet at \$1.00 each.

#### OTHER VARIETIES

|                          | Each | Doz. | 100   |
|--------------------------|------|------|-------|
| 18 inches to 2 feet..... | 20   | 2.00 | 15.00 |
| 2 feet to 3 feet.....    | 25   | 2.50 | 20.00 |
| 3 feet to 4 feet.....    | 35   | 3.50 | 30.00 |

## PLUMS

Of plums I have fruited 27 varieties and from those I have selected 5 varieties for this section and all are good. They are as follows in order of ripening:

Six Weeks, May 10 to 25.

America, June 1 to 15.

Shiro, June 15 to 25.

Texas Prolific, July 1 to 15.

Barbara, July 15 to 30.

It is common with plums to be prolific, in fact too much so, and to bear early thereby weakening the tree and the result is most varieties are short lived, but not so with these, except Texas Prolific, the other four varieties do not bear much until the third year, and are all common to this section except the last named Barbara which is really a wonder, not so much from productiveness but from size, color, and flavor. They are the size of a small apple, and have such a rich red color, that they look almost transparent and while they have plenty of juice they are not watery like many plums but are meaty, and have a very small seed.

This year when I had this fruit on the market many would ask were they grown here or were they shipped in from California?

How strange! so many people don't know what they can grow in Texas, and this place we call *home*.

So much in demand were these plums that they brought at the rate of \$9.00 per bushel readily. I like it so well that I put out 100 trees this year myself and expect to put out more.

|  | Each | Doz.  |
|--|------|-------|
| I have a few of these trees 2 to 4 feet..... | 1.00 | 10.00 |

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|                          | Each | Doz. | 100   |
|--------------------------|------|------|-------|
| 18 inches to 2 feet..... | 20   | 2.00 | 15.00 |
| 2 feet to 3 feet.....    | 25   | 2.50 | 20.00 |
| 3 feet to 4 feet.....    | 35   | 3.50 | 30.00 |

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